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From: "Aronofsky, David" <AronofskyD@mso.umt.edu>

To: <asuenram@swmtlaw.com>

Sent: Saturday, November 07, 2009 4:03 PM

Subject: Jeff Renz

I am pleased to write in support of Jeff Renz's Montana Supreme Court application. I have known and worked closely with Jeff since coming to The University of Montana. We have collaborated in a number of legal cases and projects involving the University, in Montana and internationally. Jeff's background, deeply rooted in individual rights, fits the Montana Supreme Court as contemplated by Montana's Constitution's emphasis on individual rights protection. Jeff has run a terrific clinic in the Law School and despite the difficulty of this clinic's cases, it has permitted UM law students to argue and win cases in the 9th Circuit and Montana Supreme Court. Jeff also pioneered our Law School clinical legal education presence in Central Asia and designed a landmark clinical legal education program under complicated circumstances. Jeff would be a very fine member of the Court. Thanks for considering his candidacy.

David Aronofsky

General Counsel and Adjunct Law Faculty Member

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From: "Roger Shuy" <rshuy@montana.com>

To: <asuenram@swmtlaw.com>

Sent: Sunday, November 08, 2009 8:38 AM

Subject: Support for Jeffrey Renz

> To: Andrew P Suenram, Chair, Judicial Nominations Commission

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> From: Roger W. Shuy, Professor Emeritus, Georgetown University

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> Subject: Support for the appointment of Jeffrey Renz

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> I have known Jeffrey Renz personally and professionally ever since I

> retired

> from Georgetown University and moved to Montana in 1996. He has a

> brilliant,

> balanced and totally fair mind. He has asked me to give guest lectures to

> his law classes at the University of Montana Law School and I have

> observed

> him try criminal cases in court. In addition, I have gotten to know him

> and

> his family on a personal basis and I cannot imagine a better father and

> family man. We have discussed local, national, and international social,

> political, and legal issues and I find him highly competent, knowledgeable

> and well-balanced in every area. I sincerely believe that he is an

> excellent

> choice to be a top-flight Montana Supreme Court Justice. The state could

> not ask for a better person. Therefore I recommend him most highly to

> you.

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> Roger W. Shuy

> Professor, Emeritus

> Georgetown University

> Washington, DC

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Gary Marbut-MSSA" <mssa@mtssa.org>

To: <asuenram@swmtlaw.com>

Sent: Monday, November 09, 2009 6:57 PM

Subject: Supreme Court nominees

> Andrew,

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> Greetings from Missoula.

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> I understand from newspaper stories that Professor Jeffrey Renz is a

> nominee for the coming-vacant position on the Montana Supreme Court.

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> Jeff has long been on my list of resource people I contact when I

> have questions about legal issues relating to the Montana

> Constitution. Although I haven't always gotten the answers I wished

> from Jeff, I've long had confidence that his responses would be

> well-informed and wise. I have learned some moderation from

> him. And, Jeff has always been agreeable and available. It is also

> significant to me that Jeff has a high regard, I believe, for the

> rights the people of Montana have reserved to themselves in the

> Montana Constitution. I think Jeff would make a fine Justice of the

> Montana Supreme Court.

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> Sincerely yours,

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> Gary Marbut, president

> Montana Shooting Sports Association

> <http://www.mtssa.org>

> author, Gun Laws of Montana

> <http://www.mtpublish.com>

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Susan Newell" <snewell@imt.net>

To: <asuenram@swmtlaw.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2009 8:18 AM

Subject: Mid-Term appointment to Supreme Court

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> My recommendation for the Mt Supreme Court mid-term vacancy is Jeff  
> Renz. He has the knowledge, skill, experience and mostly importantly,  
> the wide ranging vision needed for such a position.

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> Thank you for the chance to comment.

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Quentin Rhoades" <qmr@montanalawyer.com>

To: <asuenram@swmtlaw.com>

Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2009 10:55 AM

Subject: Jeff Renz

Dear Andrew,

I understand that UM Law Professor Jeffrey Renz is a nominee for the coming-vacant position on the Montana Supreme Court.

I have long supported Jeff in his political endeavors. I have done so because I know him to be a careful and disciplined legal scholar, and a principled civil libertarian. He is a thoughtful, engaged and responsible citizen who's views are tempered with a moderation and wisdom characteristic of a good jurist. He is a self-less resource to the civil rights community and gives of his time freely to educate, inform and assist whenever called upon, because of his deep legal expertise, to do so. Moreover, he he is a recognized expert on the Montana Constitution, which could not be more important for a Montana Supreme Court justice.

Thank you for your kind attention. I hope your committee gives Jeff a favorable recommendation when reporting to Governor Schweitzer.

Quentin M. Rhoades

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Alison Adams" <alisonminetadams@yahoo.com>

To: <asuenram@swmtlaw.com>

Sent: Friday, November 13, 2009 8:18 AM

Subject: Supreme Court candidate Jeffrey Renz

Dear Members of the Commission

I support the candidacy of Mr. Renz. I had the wonderful experience of watching one of Mr. Renz's students argue in front of the Ninth Circuit and of speaking at length with Mr. Renz before and after the argument. I was impressed with the student and recognized the excellent training Mr. Renz provided as well as his unfailing support. Mr. Renz is extremely well-versed in the law and he has extraordinary communication skills. In the short time I have known him (the argument was in February 2009) I have become aware of another quality a Supreme Court justice must have---understanding that the law fundamentally affects human beings. I believe Mr. Renz would be a wonderful addition to your court.

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Lockridge, Kenneth" <kenneth.lockridge@mso.umt.edu>

To: <asuenram@swmtlaw.com>

Sent: Saturday, November 14, 2009 11:09 AM

Dear Judge Suenram,

I write to support Jeffrey Renz' qualifications for the Montana Supreme Court. His skill in trial practice and procedure reaches all the way to experience before the US Supreme Court, his project with Clem Work in winning pardons for citizens unjustly imprisoned during the First world War--a project that received antional attention and earned him a state ACLU award--, and his current research into the characteristics of recent wrong convictions for capital crimes, using Innocence Project and related case files, all place him at the top of his profession in our state. What is more remarkable is his impartiality: He is essentially a libertarian, and maintains close rleationships with both the left and right of the local political spectrum. In fact, while we have worked together, I do not have any idea how he votes. Nor do I need to know. His defenses of individual rights, tested courtroom skills and effective civic engagements make him a prime candidate for the Court.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Lockridge

History

University of Michigan, 1970-1991

University of Montana, 1991-

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November 13, 2009

Andrew P. Suenram, Chair  
P.O. Box 1366  
Dillon, MT 59725

RE: Montana Supreme Court Nominees

Dear Andrew:

I am writing in support of Jeffrey Renz at the University of Montana School of Law who has applied as a nominee for appointment to the Montana Supreme Court.

Jeff was practicing law in the Billings area when I first got out of law school in 1982. I was initially a prosecutor for the County Attorney's office before going into private practice. All dealings I've had with Jeff have been positive. I have used him as a source for information as well as mentoring.

He has a very sharp legal mind with amazing recall as a true student of the law. He has great writing skills. He is mild-mannered and gets along well with others. I cannot say enough on his behalf. He truly loves talking and arguing the law and this is a position that he is extremely well-qualified to serve.

Yours Very Truly

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brad L. Arndorfer', written over a horizontal line.

BRAD L. ARNDORFER

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cc: file

----- Original Message -----

From: "Brooke Berens" <berensbv@gmail.com>

To: <asuenram@swmtlaw.com>

Sent: Sunday, November 15, 2009 12:07 AM

Subject: Jeff Renz

> Mr. Suenram --

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> Jeff Renz has applied to fill the vacancy at the Montana Supreme Court. I  
> was enrolled in his criminal defense clinic two years ago, and I wanted to  
> send the Commission a note to express how strongly I feel that he would be  
> an outstanding addition to the court. I would appreciate it if you could  
> share this note with the other Commission members.

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> I spent my first two years of law school at Northwestern University in  
> Chicago, and my last year as a visiting student at the University of  
> Montana. Jeff Renz is one of the best professors I had at either law  
> school  
> or at my undergraduate university.

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> He stood apart in many ways. He was always organized and structured  
> individual classes and the course overall to maximize both student  
> learning  
> and client service. He communicated his expectations in advance and  
> gave frequent, thoughtful feedback -- none of my other professors took the  
> time to do the latter, and I found it tremendously valuable. For both  
> clients and students he clearly explained complex laws, procedures, and  
> legal strategies without over-simplifying them. I saw some difficult  
> clients develop great respect for him because of his willingness to work  
> hard and to communicate effectively.

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> Most impressively, while working with a group of students with varying  
> levels  
> of ability and self-motivation, he was able to match his supervision style  
> to the needs of each student. He closely supervised those who needed it  
> (whether they liked it or not), following up with them about their  
> deadlines, their progress, and their research, unwilling to risk a client  
> not being well-served. At the same time he allowed other students more  
> space  
> to manage their own deadlines and projects, making himself readily  
> available  
> to answer any questions that came up. Having supervised both volunteers  
> and

> employees myself, I was impressed throughout the year by his ability to do  
> this. I think says a lot about who he is: his good judgment, his ability  
> to  
> work well with people, and his dedication to both his clients and his  
> students. I think these same qualities would make him an excellent supreme  
> court justice, and that Montana would benefit tremendously from having him  
> on the bench.  
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> I hope this perspective is helpful to you in your decision-making process.  
> If you would like any additional information, please feel free to call or  
> email me.  
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> Sincerely,  
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> Brooke Berens  
> 406-546-8291  
> berensbv@gmail.com  
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----- Original Message -----

From: "LA Public Foundation" <[legalasia@rambler.ru](mailto:legalasia@rambler.ru)>

To: <[asuenram@swmtlaw.com](mailto:asuenram@swmtlaw.com)>

Cc: <[jeff.renz@umontana.edu](mailto:jeff.renz@umontana.edu)>

Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2009 9:08 AM

Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT(Jeffrey T. Renz)

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> PUBLIC COMMENT

> Jeffrey T. Renz was the trainer of the program attorney exchange  
> between lawyers of the juridical school of Montana, USA and juridical  
> faculty of Osh State University of Osh, the Kyrgyz Republic. During the  
> period of study and work with Jeff we found him as a serious, fair,  
> responsible, clerk and erudite lawyer-teacher. When conducting lessons  
> for students and teachers of the juridical faculty, he showed high level  
> of knowledge and professional skill. He gained authority and respect  
> among teachers of the university and became a good example of imitation.  
> Jeff displayed the initiative and creative approach to work. In  
> particular, he was the initiator of formation of the foundation "Legal  
> Asia", the objectives of which are to help social-not defended groups of  
> population of our republic. He changed the views of Osh lawyers to the  
> juridical profession. He took active part in organization of  
> international seminars and olympiads, connected with the questions of  
> law.

> Jeffrey T. Renz is balanced, restrained, punctual, morally stable,  
> honest, objective, and fair. His constant self-improvement and  
> self-education helps him to develop the outlook of people around him in  
> the sphere of law.

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> Dear members of the Judicial Nominations Commission! I ask you to make  
> your choice on the candidature of Jeffrey T. Renz, because only to this  
> kind of high moral professional lawyers we can trust the fate of the  
> society and of separate people.

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> With best regards,  
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